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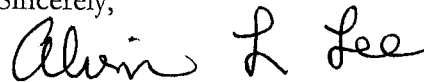
Dear Air Board-

How can the opponents to the Potomac River Generating Station honestly believe that closing this plant will have no effect on the power supply? Our demands for power and energy continue to grow exponentially, but we are seeing opposition to proposals to retrofit facilities to be more environmentally responsible. I, for one, would like to see the air quality improve in our area.

I understand many opponents feel that since the power generation goes into the Mid Atlantic area power grid that it doesn't actually benefit Alexandria. What these people need to consider is that if one vital peg is taken out of the entire grid, everyone is affected. We cannot live in a bubble and think that these actions will not ultimately come back to haunt us.

Regardless of what other power sources and fuels are out there, it is really quite simple. We are dependent upon coal usage, so we must endeavor to upgrade our facilities with the latest technologies to be more efficient and environmentally sound. This being said, we must rally our support around Mirant power and their proposed alterations to their facility.

Sincerely,



Alvin Lee